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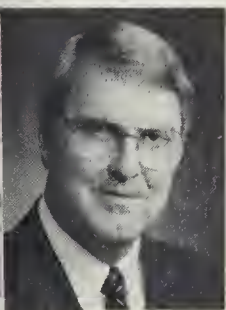
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"Viewpoint" is a monthly commentary by Wayne D. Keller, executive vice president of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC) and its allied corporations making up the statewide organization of electric cooperatives.

Most of North Carolina's electric cooperatives can be counted among the rural electric program's elite in terms of emphasizing the safety of employees and consumers.

See related article, pages 12 and 13.

As the article on pages 12 and 13 points out, 24 of our state's 28 Electric Membership Corporations have met the standards required for formal accreditation of their safety programs by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

This distinction currently belongs to only 434 other electric co-ops in the entire country.

To earn accreditation, a co-op must demonstrate a deep-seated commitment to safety on the part of the Board of Directors, the management and the employees.

Through regular training and educational exercises, the co-op seeks to stimulate safety consciousness among employees.

Also, through community service efforts

promoting the safe use of electricity, the co-op seeks to instill in consumers an attitude of cautious respect for electric energy.

These activities must be maintained even after the co-op qualifies for accreditation because they are rigorously reviewed every three years—and re-accreditation is by no means automatic.

The co-op's statewide organization assists with these efforts by conducting frequent training workshops at the EMCs and by offering regular consultant services. These services include special help to guide a co-op through the accreditation process.

Many of North Carolina's EMCs can claim an uninterrupted record of accreditation stretching back for two decades.

Meanwhile, two of them are now preparing for initial inspections under the process in hopes of earning this honor for the first time during the next several months.

The co-ops that can display an accreditation certificate get valuable discounts on insurance premiums but the money they save is a secondary concern for these non-profit, member-owned businesses. Yet, the accreditation process assures that the co-ops must stay abreast of the latest developments affecting safety on all fronts. In addition, the process serves as a yardstick for measuring the effectiveness of these on-going safety programs.

Ultimately, though, the co-ops make this effort in order to prevent injuries and save lives. They do it because it's the right thing to do.

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Cover: An Artist's Tribute To "Special Ladies"

Our cover this month features "Special Ladies," a new painting by Davidson County's Dempsey Essick, who created the image as a tribute to five "special ladies" in his life.

The dolls represent three women who inspired three of the artist's earlier paintings.

The "ladies" are "Aunt Sallie" Parnell and Alice DeLapp, both of Davidson County, and Irena McCormick of Covesville, VA.

The doll in the pink dress and straw hat was a surprise from Santa for Alice DeLapp one Christmas morning more than 70 years ago. Irena McCormick made the cathedral quilt and embroidered doily. "Aunt Sallie" made the hand-loomed rag rug. The doll wearing the split bonnet and the rag doll were supplied by two other "ladies" — Essick's wife, Shelley and 11-year-old daughter, Beth.

Limited edition prints of "Special Ladies" proved to be so popular that 950 full size copies sold out within 24 hours of its release. However, smaller prints, measuring 7 inches by 10 1/2 inches, are available for \$12.50 each, including shipping and handling. Mail orders to Essick's Originals and Reproductions, Rt. 18, Box 2518, Lexington, NC 27292.



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EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Readers,

Our "Mailbox" column, pages 10-11, includes several letters from readers offering comments about our series on the Eastern Bluebird in the January and February issues.

I wanted to share yet another letter on the subject here because it needed to be put in proper context.

The letter is from Betsy W. Johnson of Goldsboro, who had telephoned us earlier, requesting copies of the bluebird series for review to the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. As vice chairman of the board, she was gathering information to help the commissioners reach a decision on a proposal to designate the bluebird as the county's official native wild bird.

In the letter, she thanked us for sending her copies of the series and noted that the proposal had been adopted by the board. She enclosed a copy of the board's resolution on the subject.

The resolution pointed out that many Wayne County residents have erected bluebird boxes to help the birds survive—because the Eastern Bluebird has "found its natural habitat and nesting areas being reduced."

The measure declared the Eastern Bluebird "the native wild bird of Wayne County" and said the commissioners wished to "applaud and encourage the efforts" of the county's residents to assist the birds.



We also had a note of thanks from Joy Nethercutt of Snow Hill, an artist whose painting, "St. Barnabas, Christmas 1989," was on our December cover.

"Receiving the magazine was the best Christmas present I got this year!" she said, adding that a number of readers have ordered prints of the watercolor snow scene, which depicted St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Snow Hill.

"We have received letters from all over the state and a few from other states telling us how much they enjoyed seeing the church on the cover and suggesting that we print Christmas cards and postcards of the design. Here, in Greene County, many people who never heard of Paintings by Joy have called to say they saw the cover and to offer congratulations."

Signed-and-numbered prints of the church scene are still available at \$28 each, including shipping and handling. Mail orders to Judy B. Hardy's, 225 N. Greene St., Snow Hill, NC 28580. Make checks payable to Paintings by Joy.



We have a postscript on the item in our February issue regarding *The Lilies Bloom* by Vera and Bill Cleaver. The item pointed out that our June, 1990, review of the book failed to mention the fact that the 22-year-old novel is now available in a new paperback edition.

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We erred in saying the new edition was published by Harper and Row. That publishing house is now known as HarperCollins.

If you're looking for a copy of the \$2.95 volume and can't find it in local bookstores, you can call in a credit card order by dialing this toll-free number: 1-800-242-7737. Or, write to HarperCollins at Keystone Industrial Park, Scranton, PA 18512.



Another "thank you" letter came in from Lee Spencer, national director of Military "Mail Call," a non-profit agency that has helped to generate mail for military personnel around the world. The organization, which began by focusing its efforts on Christmas mail, recently relocated from the Midwest to Christmas, FL.

"Sincere thanks are extended to *Carolina Country* for helping to publicize Military 'Mail Call,'" Spencer wrote, pointing out that the 1990 Christmas program and the 1991 Valentine effort were the agency's "most successful ever."

He said, "Morale-boosting cards and letters were sent to many thousands of our young servicemen and women serving in the Persian Gulf/Operation Desert Storm—as well as at more than 1,000 other locations across the U. S. and in every corner of the globe."

Efforts are already underway to maintain this effort during the 1991 Yuletide season, Spencer added.

For more information, write for the program's newest brochure. Enclose a first-class postage stamp. No envelope—just the stamp. Mail to Military "Mail Call," P.O. Box 817, Christmas, FL 32709-0817.

Best regards,

Dawn Bishop



HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE



Mint Museum Tour Will Feature Nine Charlotte Homes and Gardens

Three internationally recognized speakers will highlight the 38th Annual Mint Museum Home and Garden Tour, April 25-28, in Charlotte.

The speakers are Mary Duke Biddle Semans, chairman of the Fine Arts Committee at the Governor's Mansion; Clement Conger, curator of the Diplomatic Reception Rooms at the White House; and Fred Wilkinson, supervisor of gardens at Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace.

A tour of nine of Charlotte's most beautiful homes and landscapes will also be offered during the tour.

For more information on the event, contact the Mint Museum at 2730 Randolph Rd., Charlotte, NC 28207. Phone: (704) 337-2000.

Plymouth To Host Quilt Show

A showing of antique and new quilts will be held at the Hampton Academy Building April 20 in Plymouth.

The show, sponsored by the Plymouth Woman's Club, will feature a variety of quilts crafted by club members. Proceeds from the show will go toward repair

and restoration of the Hampton Academy Building, which was built in 1903.

The \$1 admission will make each visitor eligible for a drawing for a special quilt crafted by the club.

For more information, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 982, Plymouth, NC 27962.

Movement Would Display Ribbon On Lighthouse

A Buxton woman is drumming up support for a plan to tie a 4-foot-wide yellow ribbon around the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse as a sign of support for the troops in the Persian Gulf.

The movement, "Operation: Standing Watch," is asking for signatures from citizens to help persuade government officials to allow the ribbon to



go around the 208-foot lighthouse.

Organizer Rebecca Ziady of Buxton,

whose son is stationed in the Gulf, says the fabric for the ribbon is being donated and private contractors working on lighthouse renovations have agreed to help put it in place.

Various petitions are circulating around the state. However, register your support. You can send your name and address to Operation: Standing Watch, Rebecca Ziady, P.O. Box 442, Buxton, NC 27920.

Kansas Teachers Develop 30 State Map Jigsaw Puzzles

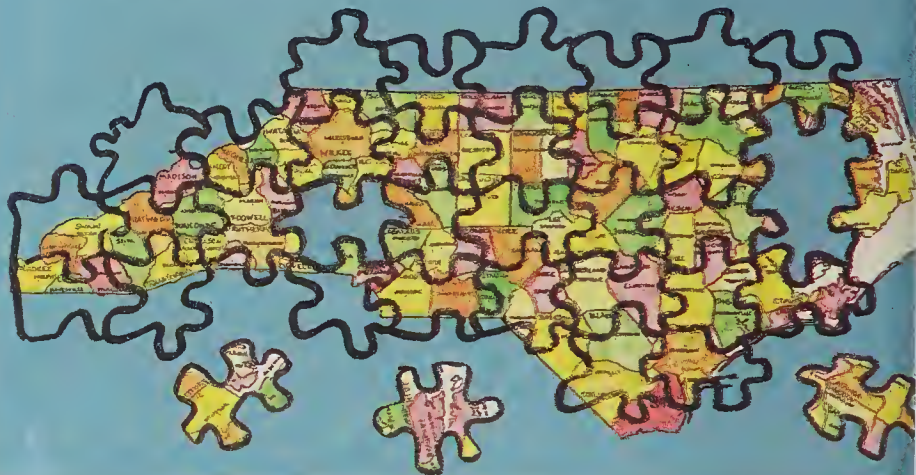
North Carolina is one of 30 states represented in a collection of new state map jigsaw puzzles published by Globe Pequot Press.

The puzzles are the work of two Kansas teachers who collaborated to produce the puzzles as an educational tool for children. Each of them marks key spots on the state's map to indicate where historic events occurred.

The teachers, Shelia Austin and Barbara Peirce, first produced a Kansas state puzzle in 1985 to commemorate that state's 125th anniversary. It sold 10,000 copies within five weeks.

The puzzles are now available in bookstores or from the publisher. They're \$7.95 each.

A United States puzzle is also offered for \$10.95. For mail orders from the publisher, add \$2 for shipping. Write to Globe Pequot Press, P.O. Box Q, Chester, CT 06412.





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Book Offers Tips For Stretching Your Gas Mileage

A California teacher, who presides over auto shop classes and also runs an auto repair business, is offering a booklet to help motorists get better gas mileage.

The 16-page booklet, *Stretch Your Gas Mileage (and Reduce Pollution)*, can be ordered for \$2 from Samuel B. Wells, 18 Vallejo Drive, Anaheim, CA 92804.



Dogwood Festival Set In Farmville

Farmville will celebrate the coming of spring with the 1991 Dogwood Festival, April 26-28, in downtown Farmville.

The festival will feature a parade, crafts sale, bicycle race and

performances by the bands Super Grit and the Embers.

There will also be special entertainment for children.

For more information, contact the Dogwood Festival at P.O. Box 86, Farmville, NC 27828. Phone: (919) 753-5814.

Civil War Battle To Be Re-enacted

Civil War re-enactment troops from

around the country will re-create the 1864 Battle of Plymouth, April 19-21, at the Port O' Plymouth Museum.

For more information, contact Patricia Monte at the museum. Phone: (919) 793-1377.

New Rules Apply To Renewals Of Hunting Licenses

When hunting licenses are renewed in July, would-be hunters will have to show proof that they have purchased a hunting license previously or that they have passed a certified hunting safety course.



An expired license will serve as proof that an individual has previously purchased a hunting license.

These changes are a result of a new law that's intended to reduce the number of hunting accidents across the state.

Instructors are also being sought to teach hunting safety courses because the new law is expected to boost enrollment in such

classes. Instructors must be over 21 years of age and have graduated from a hunting safety course.

For more information, contact your local Wildlife Resources Commission officer or the Division of Enforcement of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission. Phone: (919) 733-7191.

Book: Tombstone Inscriptions From Catawba County

A new book of inscriptions from Catawba County tombstones is now available for purchase through the mail.

"Catawba County Cemeteries—Vol. VII" contains inscriptions from tombstones in the Eastview section of Newton and the Conover City Cemetery.

The book is \$17.10, which includes postage.

To purchase the book, or to inquire about other Catawba County historical books, contact the Catawba County Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 2406, Hickory, NC 28603. Send a self-addressed, stamped envelope for inquiries.



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Horse Show Slated For March 29-30

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To celebrate the show, the U.S. Post Office has prepared a special cancellation to be used at the event.

For more information on the show, contact the Oak Ridge Horse Show, 3901 Highway 220N #99, Greensboro, NC 27410.

Genealogical Seminar Slated For April 12-13

The Catawba County Genealogical Society will hold a seminar on research methods, April 12-13, in Newton.

The seminar will feature national genealogical research experts Jo White Linn, Brent H. Holcombe, Miles S. Philbeck and Dr. Gary Freeze.

The seminar is part of the society's Fifth Anniversary celebration.

For more informa-

tion, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to CCGS

Conference, P. O. Box 674, Newton, NC 28658.

Conservation Retreat Set In Cashiers

First-rate instruction and outdoor activities are in store for participants of the North Carolina State University Spring Conservation Retreat, April 25-28, in Cashiers.

A wide array of adult classes will be offered at the retreat, with special classes for young people.

The classes will be offered in five categories: Lure of the Mountains, Management of Natural Resources, Field Trips, Walking Enjoyment and General.

After a morning of instruction, participants will be able to take advantage of opportunities for hiking, golfing or fishing.

For more information on the retreat, contact Ann Coughlin or Joy Traynor, Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development, Box 7401, N. C. State University, Raleigh, NC 27695. Phone: (919) 737-2261.



Steam Automobile Convention Set For April 25-27

A full slate of speakers, discussions and demonstrations will highlight the Steam Automobile Club Convention, April 25-27, in Oak Ridge, TN.

Founded 33 years ago, the club seeks to promote steam technology in modern

uses. Many of the club's members own antique automobiles that are powered by steam, or have converted modern vehicles to steam power.

North Carolinians who are interested can get more information by contacting William Seiple, P.O. Box 32218, Raleigh, NC 27622.

Tulip Festival Set For April 6

The smell of tulips and the taste of Dutch food will highlight the 1991 Tulip Festival, April 6, at the Terra Ceia Christian School in Beaufort County.

The festival, sponsored by the school's women's auxiliary, will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Irene Vander Weit at (919) 935-5157.



ASID Showhouse Slated In Raleigh April 15 to May 5

Some of North Carolina's top interior designers will be showcasing their talents at the historic Bishop's House at St. Mary's College in Raleigh, April 15 through May 5.

Sponsored by the N. C. Museum of History Associates and Preservation/North Carolina, the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Designer Showhouse will feature 23 deco-

rated rooms in the 1898 dwelling—each done by a different designer.

The event will be open every day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. and Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door.

After the show-house closes, it will become the headquarters for Preservation/North Carolina.

For ticket information, call Preservation North Carolina at (919) 832-3652.

Historic Artifacts Highlight Albemarle Museum Exhibit

Food artifacts from America's past will be on display through Aug. 18 at the Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City.

"A Taste of the Past: Early Foodways of the Albemarle Region 1585-1830," features many period pieces and highlights three distinct cultures that shape America's own culture: native American, English and African.

For more information on the exhibit, call the museum at (919) 335-1453.

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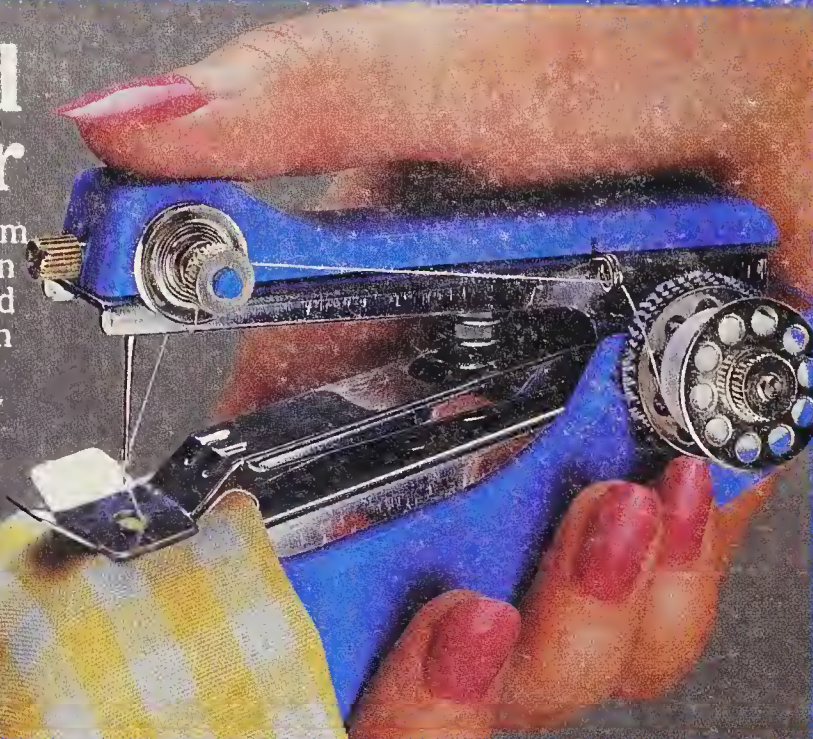
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"Really Enjoyed" Feature On Bluebirds

These past two issues we have really enjoyed your articles, "A Birdhouse Fable".

We have lots of bluebirds near our home—14 boxes along the roads in our development. We have even had two stolen, pulled up out of the ground and taken—box and metal post! One had baby birds in it.

Just wanted to tell how I feed them in the winter. After they have eaten most of the dogwood berries in fall, I gather the extra ones, plus bittersweet berries, sweet olive and burning bush berries, and dry them. Then I put a handful in each box—when there's snow on the ground or ice on trees, this is their food. In spring they are always empty so I know they enjoy.

*Grace Varda
Weddington*

Bluebird Piece: "A Wonderful Story"

I just had to write and let you know how much I enjoyed the "Birdhouse Fable" article in the February issue of *Carolina Country*.

That is the best story I have read in a long time. I want to thank Mr. Heyward H. McKinney for such a wonderful story.

I have bluebirds around my home about six miles out of Elkin. We don't have as many houses for them yet like we want but I do have a bath for them. We plan on putting out more houses for them when the weather clears up a bit.

I really do enjoy sitting on my front porch and watching my birds feed and take a bath in the summertime.

That is a wonderful story for anyone to read and it is special for us bird lovers.

*Mrs. Ruth Tillie
Elkin*

"Thank You" For Spotlighting Bluebirds

Thank you for the article and pretty pictures about the bluebird. I hope more and more people will learn about and want to make bluebirding a hobby. The February cover was quite striking, wasn't it?!

As always, I've really enjoyed your magazine. You do a wonderful job.

*Donna Dunn
Rt. 1, Mocksville*

Mrs. Dunn is president of the North Carolina Bluebird Society.

Magazine's Bluebird Articles Were "A Joy!"

I found the articles on the Eastern Bluebird in your January and February issues to be a joy!



Being new to North Carolina, I wasn't aware of what these beautiful little birds have been through and are still facing.

I live in Surry County and manage a campground that has many of its areas left undisturbed by man, and I have enjoyed the numbers of bluebirds that share our property with us.

Many of our campers are from out of state and have never seen a bluebird. It is always a time of excitement and joy when the birds come to feed where the campers can watch and enjoy them. This year we are in hopes of placing some birdhouses out to help the bluebirds even more.

Now that we have a better understanding of what these little birds have been through, we will feel honored to have them enjoy the natural beauty of our campground along with us.

Dori Fritzinger, Dobs

Series May Have Helped Inspire Decision Naming Bluebird "Native Wild Bird" In Wayne County

I would like to thank you and your staff for the beautiful pictures and wonderful stories of the Eastern Bluebird in your January and February issues.

The Wayne County Commissioners have designated the Eastern Bluebird as the official native wild bird of Wayne County. No doubt your stories and pictures helped.

David G. Green, Goldsboro

Error Spotted In Medicare Coverage Example

There was an error in the "Horizon" column in the December issue of *Carolina Country*. This article concerned Medicare payments and doctors who "take assignment."

The example given is of a bill for \$22.44, of which Medicare allows \$18.70 as the prevailing rate, and paid 80 percent—or \$14.75. The article states that a doctor "accepting assignment" would accept the \$14.75 as full payment. This is not true.

"Your Explanation of Medicare Benefits" would have contained the following statement:

"We are paying a total of \$14.75 to those who provided the above services. They agreed to charge no more for the approved services than the amount approved by Medicare. You are responsible for the difference between the approved amounts and the Medicare payments. If you have other insurance, it may help with the part Medicare did not pay."

The emphasis is mine, not Medicare's. There is so much misunderstanding about "assignment" that I felt compelled to call this to your attention.

Margaret K. Berry, West Leno



MAILBOX

Column's Reference To Cruzon Case At Her "Shocked And Dismayed"

I was very shocked and dismayed at your "Cruzon Case Stirs Rest in Living Wills."

In the first place, you must understand that Nancy was not in a coma or a vegetative state. She was severely injured, unable to speak or move her limbs. However, Nancy was not in a coma. She was not terminally ill. She was not on artificial life support. Is not food and water our very means of life support? The staff who cared for her consistently testified that she would smile, frown and weep; she had sleeping and waking cycles and she experienced pain from her monthly menstrual cycle.

The only reason she was fed by a tube instead of hand fed was for the convenience of her caretakers. She could swallow mashed potatoes and other soft foods. Nancy's food and water were removed and she starved to death.

I know that the great expense of her care must have been a terrible burden for her family.

Should we be allowed to play God with the lives of our family or even ourselves? Life itself is a terminal condition!

Nancy's life was terminated on hearsay evidence—witnesses reportedly heard her say she would never want to live like a vegetable.

Where will it end?

I would appreciate your clarifying your statements on Nancy Cruzon's condition. The public deserves the truth on situations concerning life and death.

*Kathy Cotton
Murphy*

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Employee Safety At The EMCs: It's No Accident

Worker safety doesn't just happen by accident.

It takes time, effort and hard work—in any industry, especially for the electric utilities.

Plenty of time, effort and hard work go into protecting employees and promoting safe work habits at North Carolina's 28 Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs). The ultimate goal is to eliminate accidents—or at least to minimize the risk of an accident.

One measure of the effectiveness of these efforts is the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) Safety Accreditation program. Initiated in 1968, the program has accredited 458 of the nation's 1,000 electric cooperatives. In North Carolina, a total of 24 EMCs have qualified for accreditation.

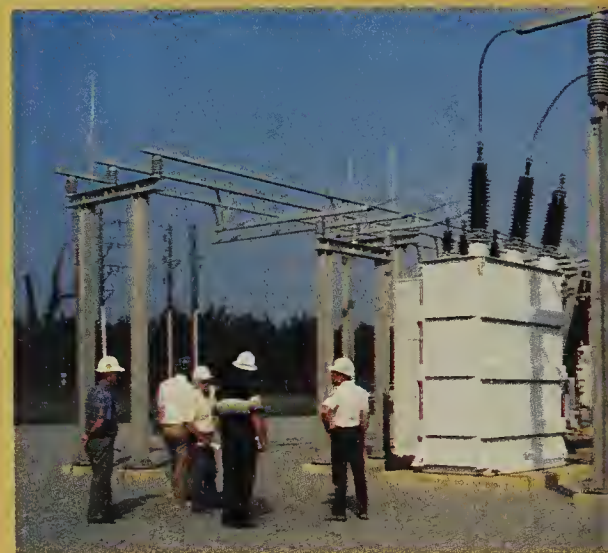
The responsibility for meeting the accreditation standards falls to the co-op's safety coordinator —employees like Ronald Hayes at Brunswick EMC, Shallotte; John Echols at Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro; and Forris Barnhill at Four County EMC, Burgaw.

Last year, all three oversaw successful re-accreditation efforts by their co-ops. They're convinced it was effort well spent.

"It sets standards and makes you live up to those standards," said Barnhill, manager of operations at Four County EMC. "By thinking about safety, you're making your co-op a better place to work."

The co-ops are rated in 24 areas of operation, including eye and face protection, hearing protection, head protection, employee education and procedures used in training and accident investigations.

Co-ops that receive accreditation must be re-accredited every three years. If a co-op fails to maintain its safety program at the national standard, it can lose its accreditation. Accidents can also cost the co-op its



Ronald Hayes of Brunswick EMC, Shallotte, accompanies three inspectors as they check safety equipment on a bucket truck at Brunswick EMC. From the left, are: Talmadge Evers of the N. C. Association of Electric Cooperatives, Forris Barnhill of Four County EMC, Ronald Hayes and Jim Callas of Reliance Insurance Company.

accreditation. For example, if the EMC has a worker fatality the certification is withdrawn immediately.

"It's a great way to know where you stand as far as safety rules are concerned," said Echols, director of engineering and operations at Edgecombe-Martin County EMC. "Things change fast. Sometimes it's hard to keep up."

Pride and concern for safety are the major reasons co-ops participate in the safety accreditation program, according to Tommy Greer, director of the Job Training and Safety Department of the statewide organization of electric co-ops. But there are tangible benefits, he says.

"Co-ops that are accredited have fewer worker accidents. And they also receive reductions in their insurance premiums."

However, most EMCs' safety specialists are quick to point out that discounted insurance premiums offer little incentive for seeking accreditation.

"If saving money was the only reason, not one would do it," said Hayes, district manager at Brunswick EMC's Whiteville office. "A lot of time and effort goes into accreditation. The



—Paul Morgan/Brunswick EMC

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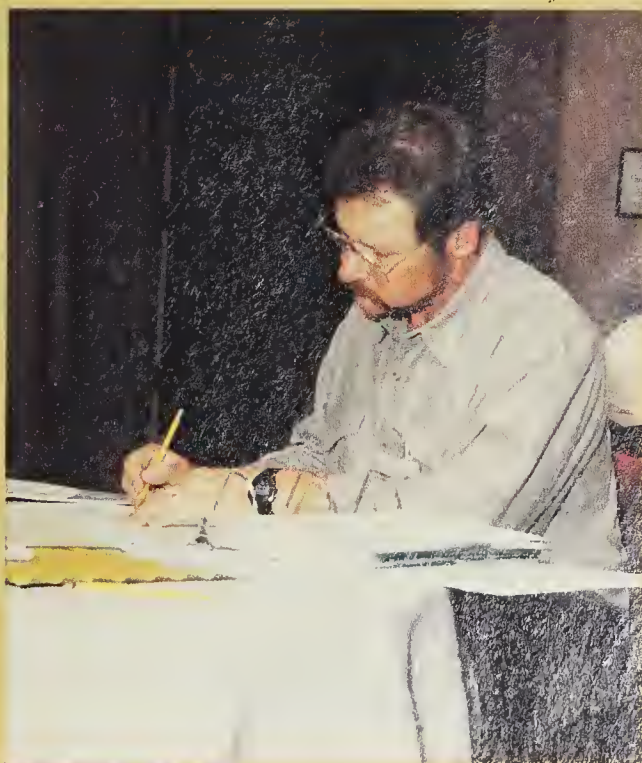
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Forris Barnhill (far right) of Four County EMC, Burgaw, joins three inspectors in checking underground cables at Four County EMC. From the left are: Talmadge Evers, Ronald Hayes, Jim Callas (blue hat) and Barnhill.

—Randy Wheelless



money you save doesn't pay for all the work."

The accreditation process involves an on-site inspection and the compilation of a safety book, which includes documentation on the co-op's accident investigation and reporting procedures, employee training activities, policies on use of protective equipment and safety inspections of lines, poles and underground facilities. The book is inspected during NRECA's annual National Safety Accreditation Meeting.

If an EMC gets passing marks on both parts of the process, it qualifies for accreditation.

North Carolina EMCs receive special help during the accreditation process from Greer and his fellow safety specialists with the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC).

The specialists routinely visit each EMC once every four to six weeks to conduct various safety training sessions. However, extra assistance is given to the EMCs that are applying for accreditation.

"We conduct a pre-accreditation inspection and go over the EMC's safety book," said Greer. "We look for things that will be looked at during the accreditation inspection."

During the on-site inspection, a team of visiting inspectors check co-op vehicles, substations and underground equipment, and they observe work crews on the job.

The EMCs expect tough inspections and prepare themselves accordingly.

"Our workers take a lot of pride in our safety record," said Hayes. "Sometimes it's as if we dare the inspectors to find something wrong. We know we've done our work."

Even after completing the accreditation process successfully, these EMCs can't forget about safety until they're eligible to repeat the procedure three years later.

They continue to emphasize safe work habits through training and workshops that keep safety on the minds of the employees.

Edgecombe-Martin County EMC is one of several EMCs that have an employee safety committee to discuss safety matters and identify steps the co-op can take to make safety an everyday concern for all employees.

Said Echols: "In the day-to-day routine, it's easy to forget about safety. However, we would like to devise a way to think about safety all the time. In the long run, it will benefit everyone."

hard Petty, a job training and safety specialist with the N. C. Association of Electric Cooperatives, judges a co-op's safety accreditation book during the National Safety Accreditation Meeting held in Raleigh. In reviewing the safety books, judges from across the country evaluated co-op safety programs against minimum national standards.



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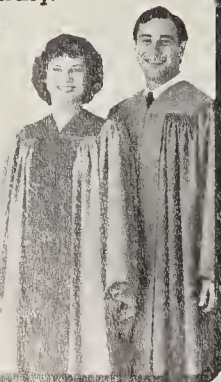
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Carolina Country received 221 points out of a possible 300.

The magazine, which is published by the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives, currently reaches about 340,000 families each month. It is distributed by the state's Electric Membership Corporations to their consumer-members throughout North Carolina.

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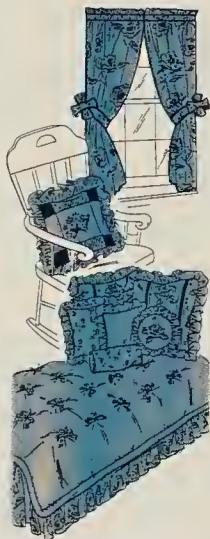
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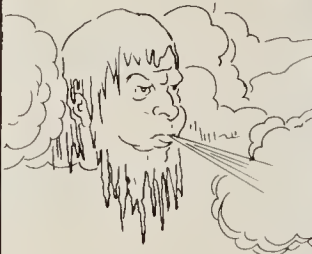
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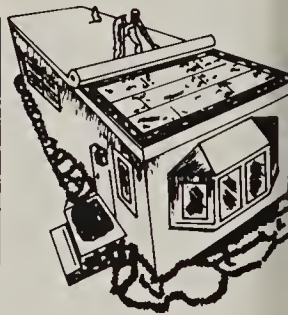


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Submitted by Debbie Speagle, Vale

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| 1 med. onion
(halved and sliced very thin) | 1 sm. head cauliflower
(cut into sm. pieces) |
| 1 sm. can sliced black olives (drained) | 1 sm. head broccoli
(cut into sm. pieces) |
| 1 sm. jar sliced green olives (drained) | garlic salt, onion salt, oregano
(to taste) |
| 1 sm. can sliced mushrooms (drained) | Parmesan cheese
(a generous amount) |
| 1 1/2 lg. stems of celery (chopped) | 1 lg. bottle Kraft Zesty
Italian dressing (regular
or reduced calorie) |
| 2 sm. or 1 lg. carrot (thinly sliced) | |
| 1 pkg. Cotta salami (chopped) | |
| 2-3 oz. cheddar cheese (cubed) | |



Combine all ingredients in a large bowl; add a little more than half the bottle of Kraft Zesty Italian dressing to the mixture. Refrigerate overnight. When ready to serve salad, add enough dressing to moisten (it doesn't take much so add in small portions).

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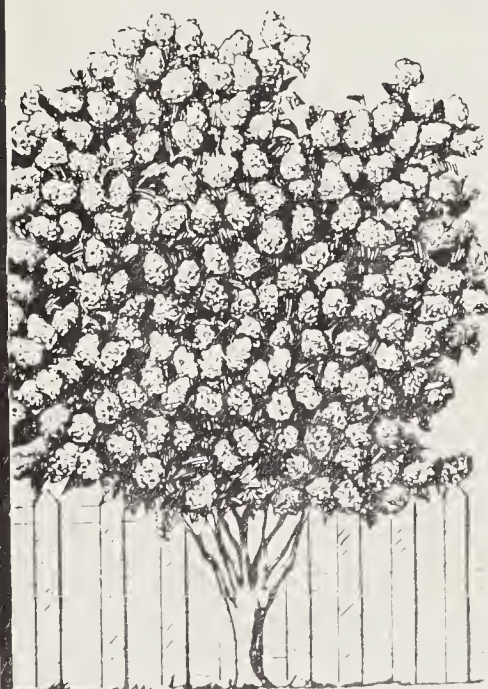
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Date	Electric Membership Corporation	Time	Location
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13	Edgecombe-Martin County, Tarboro	Registration: 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 1:00 p.m.	New Headquarters Building, Hwy. 33, Tarboro
19	Piedmont, Hillsborough	Registration: 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Orange High School, Hillsborough
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R. L. Seaford of Rt. 3, Mocksville, a member of the Board of Directors of Crescent Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Statesville, celebrated 50 years of service to the rural electrification program in January.

He is one of the first three North Carolina electric co-op directors to celebrate half a century of service to the program. The other two are Joe Pendry of Surry-Yadkin EMC, Dobson, and Kesler Butler of South River EMC, Dunn, who both marked the anniversary in 1990. All three directors are scheduled to be honored for their records of service at the Annual Meeting of the statewide electric co-op organization in Raleigh, March 13-14.

Seaford served on the board of Davie EMC from January, 1941, until 1970, when that co-op merged with Cornelius EMC to form Crescent. At age 80, he continues to represent Davie County on the Crescent EMC board. In the profile below, he reflects on his half-century of service to rural electrification.

He's a soft-spoken retired farmer, an active layman in his church, a former volunteer fireman and a veteran of half a century of service to rural electrification. And he's been called "a classic example" of the leaders who've molded the co-op program into an American success story.

He's R. L. Seaford, now 80, who was just 30 when he first became a co-op director, accepting an appointment to the board of Davie EMC in January, 1941. He stuck with it, even through the merger of Davie EMC with neighboring Cornelius EMC to form Crescent EMC in 1970.

And he's proud of his long association with the cooperative movement. Looking back on his co-op service, he declares that he wouldn't change "a thing" about it.

"I've enjoyed every minute of it!" he said, with a smile.

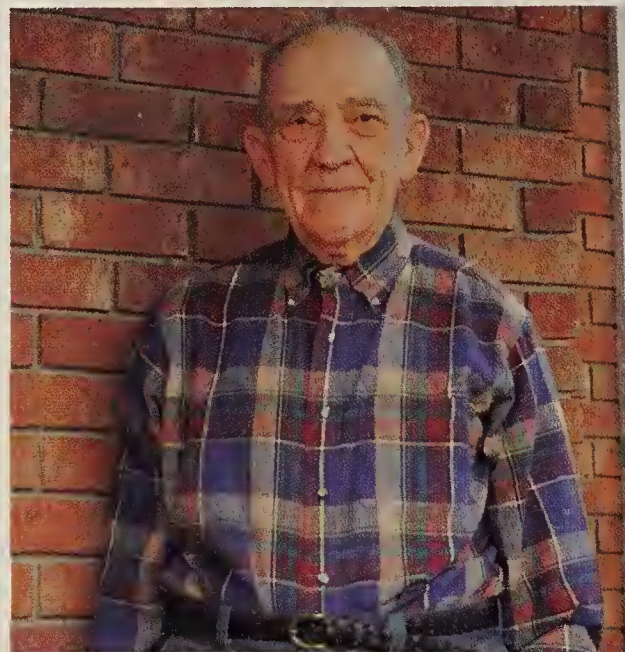
His first direct encounter with the co-op came in 1939, when Davie EMC extended electric service to his dairy and poultry farm southeast of Mocksville.

"I cut the right-of-way on my farm to speed up the work of bringing the poles and lines in," he said. "We were proud to do anything we could to help."

Those power lines were welcome indeed because he and his family had done without electricity—except for the undependable power provided by a Delco plant.

"The Delco plant was so aggravating, it really made us appreciate electricity when it came," Seaford said.

In recalling the formative years of Davie EMC and the work of its



board, he said, "Back then the meetings were much simpler. We had been in the dark so long our main order of business was simply getting lights for everyone. We also knew when every truck was bought, when someone was hired and what they would be paid."

"Of course, the board does not keep up with such fine details today. We focus a lot on the policies of the co-op and how to carry out those policies."

Seaford served as secretary of the Davie EMC board for many years and held the same post with Crescent EMC until 1988.

Donald Rice, who retired in 1989 after serving for 19 years as the first chief executive officer of Crescent EMC, said, "I have known Mr. Seaford for approximately 25 years of his 50 years of service to the rural electric program. I always found him to be a dedicated member of the board, giving of his time and talents for the benefit of others."

Rice, who was manager of Cornelius EMC prior to the merger, said he felt "privileged" to have been associated with Seaford.

"Crescent Electric is fortunate to have individuals such as R. L. Seaford sit on its Board of Directors."

"Mr. Seaford is a classic example of the type of people who made the rural electrification program an American success story."

R. B. Sloan, the co-op's current executive president, said Seaford is "a classic example of the type of people who made the rural electrification program an American success story."

He added: "He remains an active and involved board member. I have been most appreciative of his comments and experience."

Seaford's service to the co-op is just one small element of his extensive community involvement through the years. He also served on the first Board of Directors of Davie County Hospital and he is a former director of Branch Banking and Trust Company in Mocksville. He was a member of the Fork Civic Club and currently serves on the board of Farmers Mutual Life Insurance.

He was instrumental in organizing the Fork Volunteer Fire Department and served as a volunteer fireman with the unit. He's a former secretary of the department's board. He is an active member of the Fork Baptist Church, having served the congregation in various capacities. He was superintendent of its Sunday School department for 40 years.

Seaford proudly recalls his record of community service, including his 50 years on the EMC board. But his sense of pride comes through just as strongly when he reflects on his role as a husband, father and grandfather. He and his wife have been married for 57 years. She is the former Hilda Beeker of Lexington. They have three daughters, three granddaughters and one grandson.

Seaford said a major challenge facing the nation's electric co-ops is attracting "honest and dedicated" volunteers to provide leadership on their boards—people like the rural electric program's pioneers, who were willing to devote their time and effort to overseeing the co-op's operations.

In addition, the co-ops must find a way to maintain their links with older members while also "bridging the gap" to establish positive relations with new members who don't remember rural life without electricity.

"Cooperatives must be able to change with the times, and always maintain a good relationship between management and members," Seaford said.

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Veterans Eligible For Varied Medical Service

Military veterans make up a major population bloc in North Carolina—more than 10 percent of the state's 6.6 million inhabitants. The 1990 census recorded a total of roughly 680,000 military veterans.

Veterans are aware that special programs exist to serve their needs, both on the state level and through the new Department of Veterans Affairs, which was previously known as the Veterans Administration. The familiar reference to the agency as "the VA" still applies.

Veterans who were wounded or injured during their service are well informed on services offered by the VA, one of the largest departments in the federal government. Many veterans receive pensions, and have for years. Many have also received medical treatment either in-patient or out-patient services through VA hospitals.

North Carolina has four respected VA Medical Centers—in Durham, Fayetteville, Salisbury and Asheville. If the reference to Asheville seems unfamiliar to you, it's probably because the hospital is actually in the community of Oteen, just outside Buncombe's county seat.

But some veterans are less well acquainted with services that may—or may not—be available to them. That's the topic we're focusing on this month.

Some older ex-servicemen, including those who served in World War II during the early 1940s and in the Korean action during the 1950s, probably comfort themselves with the thought: "Well, if my good health fails, and I need a lot of continuing medical care, I can always get in touch with the VA. I've got my Honorable Discharge right here."

Are they drawing false comfort from this expectation? What can they realistically expect from the VA in terms of immediate medical care for their ills or long-term care that might continue for months or years?

This will vary considerably, depending on the circumstances. Veterans are divided into Categories A, B and C for care in VA hospitals and medical centers:

- **Category A**—Most veterans in this category are well acquainted with VA medical services; they have probably been in hospitals operated by the VA or by the military services more than once. Many get pensions. Those eligible for Category A include veterans with service-connected disabilities (such as battle wounds), former prisoners of war, those exposed to certain radiation and/or herbicides, pension recipients and those receiving other services. Even non-service connected disabilities are covered if income does not exceed \$17,240 for single people or \$20,688 for married. This

category also includes all veterans of the Spanish-American War, World War I or the Mexican border action.

- **Category B**—This covers veterans with non-service connected disabilities and income higher than that spelled out in Category A, but less than \$22,986 for single people and \$28,733 for married. Those in this category can obtain hospital care if space and resources are available.

- **Category C**—This is the largest group that has not previously received much VA medical care yet feels confident that services will be readily available if the need arises. Several types of disability are covered for those in this group. In the case of World War II and Korean veterans, the main item would be that reaching age 65 means the veteran is "permanent and totally disabled" for VA purposes.

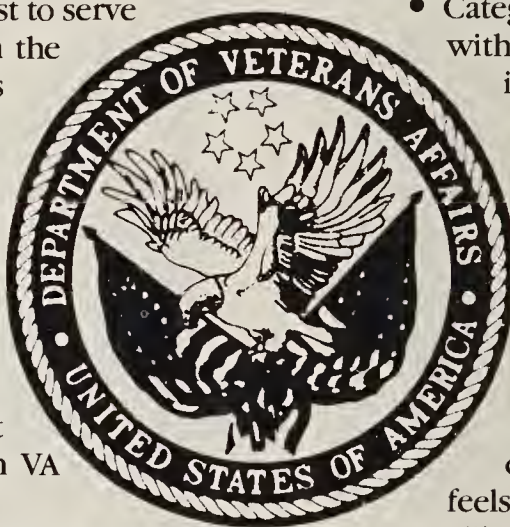
Category C veterans can receive emergency or regular medical care in a VA facility if space and resources are available and they agree to make co-payments on an established schedule:

1. The actual cost of care received or the amount payable under Medicare for the first 90 days of care, whichever is less.
2. Half the co-payment for each additional 90 days of care. A VA Financial Worksheet may be required.

While medical care may be provided, long-term care is a different matter. Nursing homes or rest homes especially for veterans in North Carolina are virtually non-existent.

VA Medical Centers may transfer patients to private nursing homes, with the government paying—but only up to 90 days.

This is true despite the fact that the Durham Medical Center includes what some call a "rehabilitation center." The actual title is: Extended Care and Rehabilitation Center. It's part of a 120-bed facility. But long-term care is not available.





HORIZON

Medical Centers at Asheville and Fayetteville have "nursing" type facilities, each with about 20 beds available. Salisbury has a wing for temporary care, mainly for patients with mental problems.

Does the State of North Carolina offer any facilities for long-term care of war veterans? Not at present. Such facilities are provided in other states. In this region, the nearest ones of this kind are in South Carolina, Georgia and West Virginia. Virginia and Tennessee have none.

Legislation to provide nursing home care for Tar Heel veterans was introduced in the 1990 General Assembly, and a study commission will make a report on the issue during the 1991 legislative session.

With severe budgetary restraint a watch-word in the current session, the lawmakers are unlikely to pledge scarce state funds for a new program of this type.

So the older veteran who is wondering whether or not VA medical service might be available can be given only limited assurance. Emergency or other medical care, for a very short period, might well be available. But the prospects are not bright for long-term care.

Can veterans organizations help? There are many active groups, and the four most active in North Carolina are the American Legion, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. and Vietnam Veterans of America.

These groups furnish strong backing to the Veterans Service Officers who're found in most North Carolina counties, and they also lobby the legislators in Raleigh and members of Congress on behalf of their fellow veterans. In addition, representatives of the N. C. Division of Veterans Affairs are generally well-informed on both state and federal developments.

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Hyde Commissioners Commend Co-op, NCEMC

The Hyde County Board of Commissioners has adopted a resolution commending Tideland Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Pantego, and North Carolina EMC (NCEMC) for their efforts during the Herbert C. Bonner Bridge collapse last October.

Three spans of the bridge were damaged when a dredge slammed into it during a storm. The accident also severed the main power cables that serve the Outer Banks.

On Ocracoke Island, which is in Hyde County, NCEMC's 3-megawatt Ocracoke Generating Station was put into emergency service immediately after the accident to serve the electrical needs of Ocracoke Island and the southern end of Hatteras Island.

The station, which is designed to be used during high demand periods, was being tested prior to going into commercial operation. Workers from NCEMC and Tideland EMC managed to bring the station on-line within hours of the accident.

In a letter to Lloyd H. Lee, manager of Tideland EMC, Alton Ballance, chairman of the Hyde County board, expressed his thanks for the efforts

that kept power flowing to Ocracoke Island during the crisis.

"I certainly realize how difficult it must be for all the men and women associated with the corporation to work such long hours and under pressure to restore and maintain power, and I wanted to express my appreciation to them," he said.

Here's the text of the resolution:

Whereas, Tideland Electric Membership Corporation is the sole provider of electric service to Hyde County, North Carolina, in general, and Ocracoke Island in particular; and


Whereas, the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation is a statewide cooperative power system serving 27 Electric Membership Corporations, including Tideland; and

Whereas, NCEMC recently placed a 3,000 kilowatt generating station on Ocracoke Island primarily for the purpose of providing power during periods of peak demand but also for use as a backup power supply unit during emergencies; and

Whereas, in the early morning hours of October 26, 1990, nearly 6,000 customers on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, including Ocracoke Island, were left without electric service when a huge barge broke loose from its mooring and destroyed a portion of the Herbert C. Bonner Bridge, severing the main electric transmission cable to the area; and

Whereas, employees of both Tideland Electric Membership Corporation and North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation worked diligently and expertly for many hours following the disaster to put the Ocracoke Power Station in operation and restore power to the cooperative members on Ocracoke Island;

Be It Resolved: That the Hyde County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the citizens of Ocracoke Island, do hereby commend both Tideland Electric Membership Corporation and the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation for their outstanding efforts to restore electric service so vital to the operation of the homes and businesses on the island, and also express our gratitude for a job well-done.



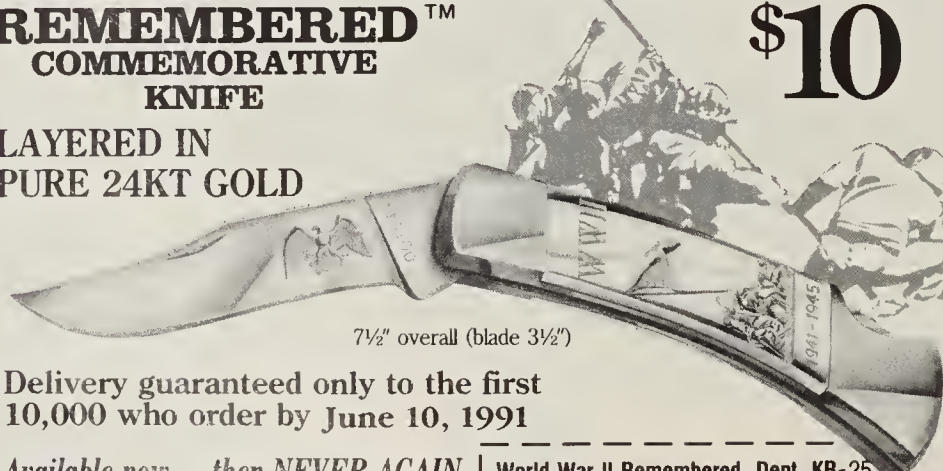
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Two Farm Credit Agencies Set To Merge Effective March 31

Just as many North Carolina farmers are borrowing money to produce their 1991 crops, two farm credit agencies have announced plans to merge their operations effective March 31.

The Federal Land Bank Association, which specializes in loans for land purchases, and the Production Credit Association, which has handled other categories of farm loans, will become the Farm Credit Service as of April 1.

At the end of 1990, the two associations had loans totaling \$1.28 billion in North Carolina.

Both enterprises are part of the U. S. Farm Credit System, a farmer-owned cooperative. The merger was approved by farmer stockholders in January.

Commercial banks with customers in rural areas also provide loans to farmers for crop production, equipment and real estate.

Social Security Recipients Can Earn More Money Without Penalty In '91

Social Security recipients who are still working, either self-employed or on a payroll, can make more money without penalty in 1991, under new rules now in effect.

The new ceiling figure for those 65-69 is \$9,720. This is up from \$9,360 in 1990. If you're 66 to 69, you'll lose \$1 in benefits for each \$3 you earn over and above \$9,720.

People who remain under 65 all year can earn up to \$7,080 and get full benefits. This is up from \$6,840 in 1990. If you're paid more than \$7,080, you will lose \$1 for each \$2 above the ceiling.

When you reach 70, you can earn any amount without penalty. This provision has been in effect for a number of years.

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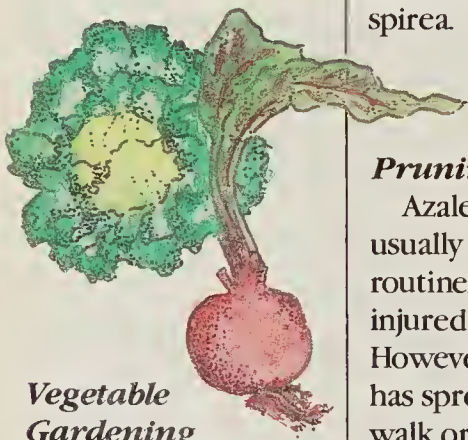
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Now's the time that winter plays hide-and-seek with spring. Flowers of many ornamental shrubs such as forsythia, flowering quince, the spireas and oriental magnolia are sounding their colorful alert that spring is practically here. Their display is underscored with the colors of daffodils, thrift and violets.

As days lengthen, the gardening activities increase.



Vegetable Gardening

The vegetable garden should be tilled now. Thoroughly mix the accumulated organic matter piled on it during the winter months. Add a liberal amount of complete fertilizer, unless a soil test shows the need for a special mix.

If the ground already has been prepared, set out cabbage and collard plants, Irish potatoes

and onions. Sow seed of mustard, beets, carrots, leaf lettuce, radishes, chives, English peas and turnips.

Prune Spring-Flowering Shrubs

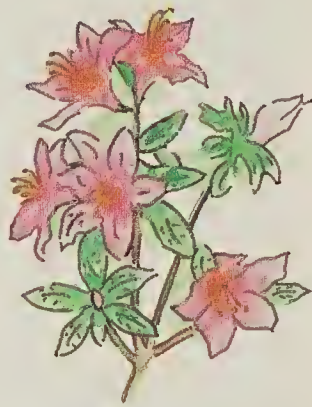
The best time to prune spring-flowering shrubs such as those mentioned above is just as their blooms begin to fade. These summer-flowering shrubs may be pruned now: vitex, buddleia (butterfly bush), crape myrtle, althea and Anthony Waterer spirea.

Pruning Azaleas

Azalea pruning usually is limited to routinely taking out injured or dead wood. However, if a plant has spread out over a walk or driveway or needs to be restricted for some other reason, it can be cut back without any permanent damage.

The best time for this type pruning is while the plants are in full bloom. As a bonus, the pruned branches can be used in flower arrangements.

In pruning, cut just above a leaf where there is a minute growth bud at the angle between the leaf



and the stem. By mid-summer the growth bud will have matured to hide the nub where the cut was made.

Trees And Shrubs

Continue planting bare-root trees and shrubs if they are still dormant, not showing signs of swelling buds. If there is no growth activity on fruit and nut trees, it is safe to apply a dormant oil spray for insect control.

An application of complete fertilizer will benefit most trees and shrubs. Use about one-half cup per square yard of area covered by the

shrubs. For trees, apply fertilizer in small holes eight to ten inches deep beginning three to four feet from the trunk and extending just beyond the spread of the branches. Make holes with such a tool as a crow bar, spacing them two to four feet apart. Measure the tree trunk five feet above the ground. Use one to two pounds of fertilizer per inch of trunk diameter.

Spring Tips

1. Divide large clumps of perennials such as daylilies, hostas and ferns.
2. Apply pre-emergence herbicides to lawns for broadleaf weed and crabgrass control.
3. Prune roses to remove deadwood, leaving three or four upright canes of varying heights.
4. Gather and destroy fallen blooms of camellias to prevent camellia petal blight, a disease that causes blooms to turn brown.
5. Spray or dust for an early start on insect control.
6. Cut back liriope and mondo grass before new growth.
7. Continue feeding birds with bird seed and bread crumbs. Some prefer to mix peanut butter with Crisco, feeling that peanut butter alone is too sticky for the birds to swallow and may choke them.
8. Begin black spot and powdery mildew control for roses.
9. If plants were damaged by cold, delay pruning until after they send out new growth.
10. When spring-flowering bulbs complete their bloom cycle, fertilize with a little superphosphate or bonemeal to ensure quality blooms next year.
11. Mow established lawns. Rake up clippings and any dead grass remaining from winter.
12. On mild days move houseplants outdoors for a few hours to let them adjust and "acclimatize" to the outdoor summer vacation to begin in a few weeks.



HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

By Hank Smith

CAUTION

Caution: Gardening Chemicals Are Often A Fire Hazard

Most pesticides and some fertilizers are flammable. Their greatest danger is in causing a smoldering fire rather than a blazing one. Fumes can be toxic to humans and animals, and can be fatal to plants. Aerosol cans, some soil fumigants, and emulsion forms of insecticides and nitrate fertilizers carry an explosive hazard.

It is wise to store such materials in a locked, fire-resistant cabinet, preferably outside the home.

Your local fire department or volunteer firemen can tell you what type of fire extinguisher is best to have on hand for use on various kinds of chemicals. Mount the extinguisher near the door to the storage room.

Prepare Plants Now For Dry Weather

Why wait for a drought to prepare your plants to resist the damages of possible dry weather? You can take steps to guard against dryness. The use of a thick mulch (three to five inches) of such as straw, small twigs, shredded leaves, straw conserves moisture in the soil and is used by the plants. Mulches are especially needed in hot, dry, or windy areas. In dry periods, if it is necessary

that plants be watered, a good mulch prevents their needing frequent soakings with water.

Mulches insure a more steady and uniform supply of moisture for the roots. Plants must have moisture to survive.



Begin Watering New Roses

Newly planted roses need a regular schedule of deep

watering—and now's the time to begin. If you planted bare-root roses this season, they may be a bit slower in showing leaf growth than established plants. Keep soil moist around their roots if rainfall is scant. Should some canes (stems) die, cut each back to a point just above a healthy leaf bud growing on the outside of the stem; then pack moistened peat moss or old "cured" sawdust

around the base. This helps to prevent canes from drying out.

Annuals

Seeds of some annual flowering plants may be sown directly into well-prepared flower beds outside. Among these are poppy, globe amaranth, sweet alyssum, cornflower and strawflower.

Other bedding plants may be started indoors for later

planting outside. In a few weeks you can purchase such slow-to-bloom annuals as candytuft, rudbeckia, verbena and gaillardia. These usually are available at garden supply stores.



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Franklin D. Roosevelt, who created the rural electrification program as part of the New Deal, has moved past George Washington to take over second place in American historians' rankings of the all-time greatest presidents in U. S. history.

Abraham Lincoln remained the first-place choice in the collective opinion of the historians, based on a 1990 poll.

However, the "father of our country" slipped to Number 3, behind FDR and just ahead of Thomas Jefferson.

Dr. William Leuchtenburg, William Rand Kenan professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, discussed the rankings in a special issue of *Life* magazine that was distributed last fall.

His article focused on the most influential presidents of the 20th century.

He said modern presidents, including Franklin Roosevelt, "cast long shadows across the land."

Roosevelt drew high ratings partly because he served longer than any other president and because of his radio "fireside chats."

In addition, Leuchtenburg said, FDR brought the nation through the Depression, and initiated a number of lasting social programs through the New Deal.

"Furthermore, Roosevelt coaxed the nation away from isolationism and toward world responsibilities," the professor wrote. "In 'the dark and leaden thirties,' when fascism seemed the wave of the future, Sir Isaiah Berlin recalled, 'the only light that was left in the darkness was the administration of Mr. Roosevelt and the New Deal in the United States.'"

Leuchtenburg said Winston Churchill told the English House of Commons: "Of Roosevelt ... it must be said that had he not acted as he did, when he did, in the way he did ... a hideous fate might well have overwhelmed mankind and made its whole future for centuries sink into shame and ruin."

Historians consider four other presidents,

including three in the 20th century, "near great," according to the professor. They are Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Harry S. Truman and "Old Hickory" Andrew Jackson.

Teddy Roosevelt established a tradition of potent modern presidency with his "big stick" foreign policy and "square deal" in domestic affairs.

Wilson inaugurated the Federal Reserve system, took the country into World War I "to save the world for democracy" and fought with success to have the U. S. join the League of Nations.

Truman, who was often criticized while in office, proved to be an agreeable surprise, Leuchtenburg said. He helped to strengthen civil rights and his "Fair Deal" paved the way for Medicare.

"Above all, Truman fostered a foreign policy that initiated the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan, the Berlin airlift, NATO and intervention in Korea."

Leuchtenburg, who is president of the 18,000-member American Historical Association, said the historians consider Richard Nixon and Warren G. Harding the only failures among the 20th century's 17 presidents—Nixon, because of his abuse of power during Watergate and Harding, because of the scandals that plagued his short administration.

Calvin Coolidge is considered below average while William McKinley, William Howard Taft, Herbert Hoover, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter are rated as average. Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson have "above average" ratings.

However, Eisenhower's military leadership during World War II earned him a place as one of *Life's* 100 most influential Americans in the 20th century.

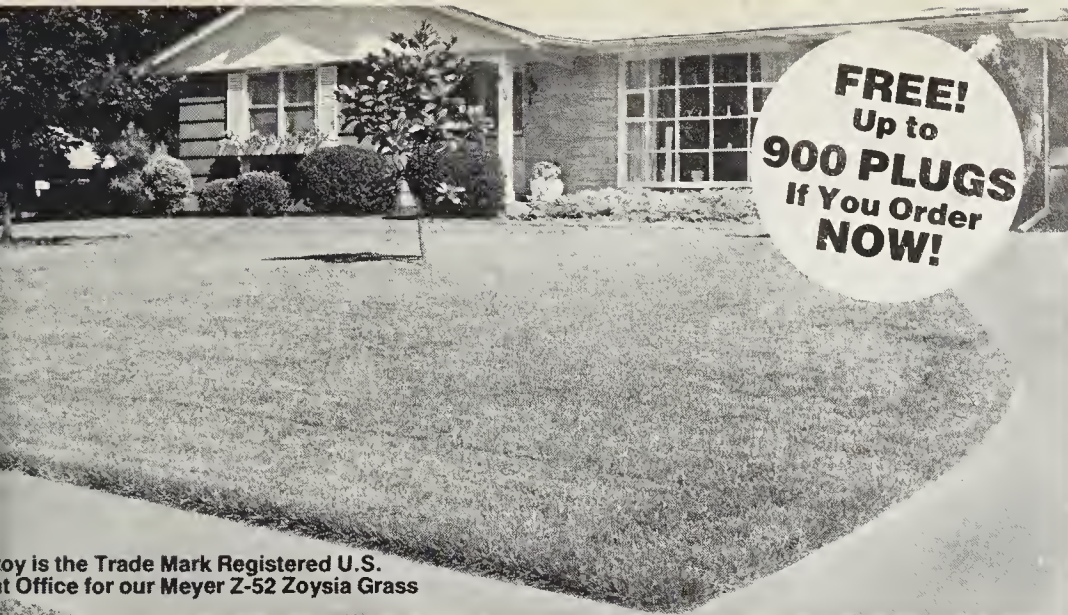
Ronald Reagan's tenure is too recent for dispassionate analysis, Leuchtenburg said, noting that controversy is already brewing over the former actor's rating. Advocates say Reagan restored national pride and improved the economy but his detractors believe he dozed away his time in office while digging an economic hole the nation will be climbing out of for years.

Who's The Greatest American President

Who would get your vote as the greatest American president of all-time? I'd have to cast mine for "Honest Abe," who's No. 1 on the score in the collective opinion of the nation's historians. And I have no quarrel with their choice of Franklin D. Roosevelt for No. 2. But I'd put Thomas Jefferson in the No. 3 spot, ahead of George Washington. The historians rated Washington No. 3 and Jefferson No. 4.

I'm not so sure I'd put Washington in my top five. I believe the "greatness" ranking has been colored by the fact that Americans generally hold special reverence for any "firsts" in our history, and Old George will always carry that distinction among our presidents.

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